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SUBJECT: DECEMBER QUADRIpartite MEETINGS ON GERMANY AND  
BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 19216; (B) BONN 19217; (C) BONN 19260

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM UK EMBASSY ON  
QUESTION OF SHORTENING ANNOTATED AGENDA, EMBASSY WILL  
RECALL THAT DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS (STATE  
245210) ASKED THAT BRIEFEST POSSIBLE DOCUMENTS BE  
PREPARED FOR THE QUADRIpartite MEETING. ONE REASON WE  
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PROPOSED SEPARATING THE ASSESSMENT OF RECENT TRENDS FROM

THE AGENDA, WAS TO KEEP THE AGENDA AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.  
EMBASSY IS THUS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT BRITISH EFFORTS  
TO PARE DOWN ANNOTATED AGENDA AS IT NOW STANDS.

2. ON QUESTION OF PRESS STATEMENT, WE AGREE WITH FRENCH  
AND UK POSITION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR  
ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMEN TO DELIVER STATEMENT OF TYPE  
CONTAINED IN REF (B). THERE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE NO  
OBJECTION TO FRG SPOKESMEN PRESENTING REMARKS ALONG THESE  
LINES. BEFORE AGREEING TO THE TEXT IN REF (B),  
DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH MORE CLARITY ON TWO POINTS:

A. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT REFERENCE TO  
BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS ON BERLIN AND THE EC IS  
ENTIRELY ACCURATE. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AT MOMENT,  
FRG AND ALLIES HAVE ONLY ENTERED INTO INFORMAL  
EXCHANGE ON QUESTION OF ELECTION OF BERLIN DEPUTIES TO  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. DOES FRG INTEND TO REQUEST  
COMMENCEMENT OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE QUADRIPARTITE  
MEETING?

B. WE ARE CONCERNED BY NEGATIVE CONNOTATIONS OF  
REFERENCE TO FOREIGN REPRESENTATION AS QUOTE NON-  
NEGOTIABLE UNQUOTE ELEMENT OF BERLIN SITUATION. A  
PREFERABLE TRANSLATION OF QUOTE UNVERZICHTBAR UNQUOTE IN  
OUR VIEW WOULD BE QUOTE INDISPENSIBLE UNQUOTE. IF  
OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF STATEMENT IS TO BE PREPARED WE  
WOULD WISH TRANSLATION TO BE DONE IN THIS MANNER.

3. WE ARE READY IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT ALLIED PREFERENCE  
FOR THREE GERMAN EXPERTS PER SIDE, ALTHOUGH WE RETAIN A  
PREFERENCE FOR MORE LIMITED PARTICIPATION. IN INDICA-  
TING OUR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLIED PROPOSAL, YOU  
SHOULD LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT QUESTION MAY BE  
DISCUSSED FURTHER IN BRUSSELS AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING OR  
OTHER APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS DURING NAC MINISTERIAL.

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